

# The GAVEL

## Basketball Season Opens

Fitchburg State Teachers College will inaugurate its 1934-35 basketball season Saturday night at 8 o'clock entertaining Hyannis Teachers College in the State Armory here.

The local teachers have been practicing diligently for four weeks under the direction of Student Coach Anders Nelson in our own gymnasium and in the Armory.

Coach Nelson has seven veterans on the squad. With these men as a nucleus, it is expected that the Fitchburg team will have a very successful season.

Nelson will probably start the following lineup against the rival teacher-students: Co-Captains Olavi Lahtinen and Chick Andrews, forwards; Jerry McDowell or Aimo Teittinen, center; Emil Johnson and Armas Fillback or Larry Turner, guards.

Hyannis has never had a basketball team before, due no doubt to the small enrollment of men students. However, according to a letter received from their manager the Hyannis hoopsters are no "mere drops in the bucket" in the matter of size. Six feet and over seems to be the rule, rather than the exception.

Fitchburg should come out ahead if experience and teamwork is considered, but no matter what the outcome, it ought to be an interesting encounter.

## STUDENTS!!!

You have often heard the subject of "school spirit" discussed. Does it mean anything to you?

School spirit has to be built up. Years ago Fitchburg's athletic teams consistently "packed them in" in all sports-football, basketball, and baseball.

For the past three or four years Fitchburg's student coached teams have scored with exceptionally good records. Yet they have not been supported as they should. Attendance records have been shattered. No doctors have had to administer to a spectator fainting from the pushing of the crowd.

You have been cajoled, begged, inspired to attend the games. Show some pride! Coming right down to it-that's what school spirit is-pride in your College. On the whole there has been but a lackadaisical interest.

There are approximately 350 students here. Two hundred at least should be at the game on Saturday night. Students -S.O.S. Save Our School Spirit.

## Debating Club

On Monday of this week, we held our first inter-club debate. The question for discussion was "Resolved, that the next session of Congress should enact the essential features of the Townsend Plan. Henry Palmer, Leonard Nisula, and Ida Rovno represented the affirmative, while Carl Matsen, John English, and Kenneth Ladner upheld the negative. The decision was unanimously in favor of the negative. Both sides were well matched, each exhibiting much vigor, enthusiasm, and intelligent insight into the question.

Although the student body was invited, the attendance was not large.

Our next debate will be held on December 19. The question - Government Control of Public Utilities. Let's see everyone there! We should like to hang out an S.R.O. sign.

Watch our future announcements in reference to our first annual entertainment.





### A Winter Carnival?

A spark from the editorial of the Gavel issue of November 23 has ignited the interest of students on campus. Reasonable assurance of a hockey and skating rink being built has been secured. Tentative plans for forming a hockey squad have been made - the enthusiastic spirit being shown by the leaders of this movement clears up any doubt that a first-rate job will be done.

As for the Winter Carnival, plenty of hard work, an efficient body to organize, and student action will see this thing through. This question should enjoy a priority in the business of the M.S.A. and the W.S.G. A joint committee seems logical.

### A Negative Response!

Can you use five dollars? A prize for the best solution or plan for the freshman initiation was offered some time ago. Due announcement was made in the November 9 issue of the Gavel. The staff is fully aware of the thought provoking processes that enter into such a paper, but surely no one will discount the fact that there should be evidences of the contest spirit manifested by now. Man or woman - you owe this College a debt! - to work for it, to strive to better its customs, and to promote its social welfare.

Let's hear from you! Contribute your ideas. Every plan submitted shall be impartially evaluated. Give us your ideas! Who knows, your plan may merit the \$5.00 and the admiration of your fellow-students.

### JUNIORS!!!

Watch the bulletin board! You may be on some important committee for the forthcoming "Prom".

### Side Glances

Starting with this issue of "The Gavel" we shall have a column presenting a short sketch of some student on campus. Outstanding events in his life will be sketched for you.

### Our Dramatic Club

Of our extra-curricular organizations, perhaps no one enjoys the reputation of the Dramatic Club. Their successes of previous years, their sponsoring of the celebrated Hendrickson-Bruce Players this fall, are clear evidences of their efforts to entertain, to promote dramatic skill, and to create in the area the awareness that Fitchburg Teachers College is a progressive, cultural, and friendly College.

Their major offering of the year "The Servant in the House" will be presented on Thursday, December 13, at 8:00 in the College Auditorium. Bring your parents and friends to the campus for an evening of entertainment. The entire cast who have given their full energy and the unceasing efforts of Miss Nixon should be rewarded by your attendance.

### Valentine Party Committees Named

The freshman committees for the Valentine Party have been named as follows:

Decoration - Emil Comeau  
Refreshments - Mary Clark  
Music - Everett McDonald  
Entertainment - Ailie Waris  
Invitations - Charlotte Laird  
Clean Up - Paul Golden  
Class Song - Ruby Gage

Ida Rovno has been selected as chairman for the Suffrage skit representing the Freshmen.

### Side Glances

Here we go - Born and brought up in New Bedford...won many cups for swimming ability during grammar and high school...played on championship N.E. soccer team of N.B. High School...captain of team during senior year...attended Swaverly Prep School in Manassas, Va. for one year...met Gen. Joffre when a young lad...special interests - swimming, soccer, books, and dramatic plays...favorite saying, "What do you say son?"

Who is he? Watch The Gavel!





## CLUBS

### CAVELEERS

The Caveleer society held its impressive third degree initiation exercises last Monday in Miss Nixon's room and welcomed the nine prospects with full membership in the club. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Like all the organizations in the college, the "Gavs" are preparing for the Saxifrage stunt night, January 10.

The society extends its best wishes for success to the Mohawk club in its bi-annual play production.

### MOHAWKS

Something new and different will be offered in the Mohawk play to be presented February 2. The play committee has selected one of Noel Coward's plays "I'll Leave It To You". Noel Coward is noted for his long list of modern dramatical successes.

"I'll Leave It To You" was a smashing hit on Broadway - don't miss it!

### MEN'S CLEE CLUB

The boys have been working on some Carols which are to be sung on the Campus during Christmas week. As all songs of the carol type sound better when given by the light of the moon, the club has decided to risk the throats of the men "thrushes" by offering an evening program. If you know the songs, we hope that you will join in: the more, the merrier.

Basketball season tickets are out

### TYPOGRAPHY

The bi-weekly club meeting was held Thanksgiving week and the usual business was transacted.

### ART CLUB

This organization held its bi-monthly meeting Tuesday evening at 7 A.M. It consisted of a visit to the Fitchburg Art Center where the group enjoyed a half hour demonstration of sculpturing by Mr. Aarons.

Anyone who hasn't as yet been to

the new Art Center which is located at Merriam Parkway should do so. A few minutes spent there will be well spent.

The next meeting of the Art Club will be Wednesday, December 19, at 3 P.M. A vice-president will be elected - this office will be filled from our list of neophytes. Plans will also be made at this meeting for a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts at Boston.

### EPSILON PI TAU

The monthly meeting of Epsilon Chapter will be Wednesday evening, December 12, at 7.30 in the men's rest room.

Frank Saulenas will be in charge of the evening's discussion which will be based on "Teaching Practice".

This chapter will be represented by the national Chapter at the A. V. A. convention at Pittsburg, Pa., December 6.

### W. A. A. NEWS

The soccer roundrobbin has ended and the Juniors are the winners. They beat the Freshmen 2 to 0. "Cappy" Disken scored all the goals. The victory that gave them the championship was scored against the Sophs, who had beaten the Seniors 2 to 0, mainly through the efforts of Elaine Cleaves who scored both goals. The score of the Junior-Soph game was 1 to 0, "Cappy" scoring again.

The Black beat the Orange in the wind-up of the season, 2 to 1.

Basketball is the sport of the hour for the girls now and Kay Mannis has charge of it. Freshman practice has been called and a general practice has also taken place. At the next practice, the girls are to be rated according to ability and put in divisions of their own class. There will be a roundrobbin of class games and an Orange-Black game. An outside game with Worcester Y. W. will be played in Fitchburg. We won last year and are out to repeat this year.

Have you bought your season ticket yet?



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## Sport Chatter

It is interesting to note that Holy Cross will play the famous Notre Dame basketball team in Boston on New Year's day. Teachers College will entertain Holy Cross here on February 16.

Aimo Teittinen is recovering rapidly from a badly bruised eye, received in scrimmage two weeks ago. He is expected to start against Hyannis.

Much interest has been shown regarding F.T.C. basketball team. Many students travel down to the Armory and watch the daily practice sessions with interest.

On Saturday, December 15, Worcester Tech will be host to F.T.C. at Worcester. Tech has a veteran team and hope to reverse the setback which the Teachers administered last season. It will be interesting to see how Coach Nelson "shapes up" with a major opponent.

F.T.C. played a practice game with Appleton Academy at the Armory on Monday. The scrimmage proved beneficial to both coaches.

Johnson is "getting in shape" slowly after a tonsilectomy operation.

New changes in basketball will take effect this year. Instead of the referee's touching the ball in front court, he must hand it to the player before play resumes. Line-ups must be in the hands of the official scorer two minutes before game time.

Next Monday, Ed Skelley's Aces will scrimmage the Varsity team at the Armory.

The Aces will be composed of Ed Skelley and Jim Dorsey, former Holy Cross players. The two midget forward, Coach Nelson and tiny Bob Deady will pair up with each other. Beloson will play guard. He has already predicted to hold Lahtinen scoreless. This will help the Varsity to get some "real opposition".

## Gavel Rattles

Thanksgiving must have touched our souls, we can find but little to comment on..... However,

What certain senior's favorite is "Let Me UP".

Joe Mahoney, one of our athletes, ways wanted to be Captain, but he says now that he's satisfied with "Cappy".

George Gardner is smaller than you are Goldy, take it easy.

Doc Percival says that in the days when P.A. men WERE P.A. men -- well, you ask him what.

Was Paul's swan-song "O K Toots"?

How do you press those "barrel trousers", Eddie?

This is not an "ad" but Chet says that Worcester is too far, he's going to look around here for a change. Watch out girls!

## 'Round Campus

Seeing the Seniors with their proofs reminds me of the admonition my former Latin teacher would give when Seniors were in a similar position - "Now, \_\_\_\_\_, put away your biological specimens."

Perhaps the person who "wrote up the Country Fair did not recognize them, so we must give laurels this time to Miss Bradt and Mrs. Simmons. They simply were a grand young couple.

Smart: Why are those fellow playing marbles out there?

Alec: Marbles, nothing. They are working on an E.R.A. project.

Whenever a certain passenger wants to talk too much, there is a call for someone to offer her some gum! Comprenez?

Sandy positively repudiates that rumor concerning his being that-a-way about Fritz!

